

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

House and Senate passed H.J. Res. 75, Continuing Resolution.

The House passed H.R. 3402, Department of Justice Appropriations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 2006 through 2009.

The House agreed to H.J. Res. 75, Making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2006.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: One bill was introduced, as follows: S. 2141. **Page S13965**

Measures Passed:

Continuing Resolution: Senate passed H.J. Res. 75, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2006, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S13965**

Federal Deposit Insurance Act Improvement: Senate passed S. 2141, to make improvements to the Federal Deposit Insurance Act. **Pages S13966–68**

Signing Authority—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that during this adjournment of the Senate, the Majority Leader be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions. **Page S13965**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Mark V. Rosenker, of Maryland, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board for a term expiring December 31, 2010.

Catherine Lucille Hanaway, of Missouri, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Missouri for the term of four years.

Mary M. Rose, of North Carolina, to be a Member of the Merit Systems Protection Board for the term of seven years expiring March 1, 2011.

Stephanie Johnson Monroe, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, Department of Education.

Susan P. Bodine, of Maryland, to be Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste, Environmental Protection Agency.

John O. Agwunobi, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Bruce Cole, of Indiana, to be Chairperson of the National Endowment for the Humanities for a term of four years.

William E. Kovacic, of Virginia, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner for a term of seven years from September 26, 2004.

Kathryn Higgins, of South Dakota, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board for a term expiring December 31, 2009.

Jeffrey D. Jarrett, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Fossil Energy).

Santanu K. Baruah, of Oregon, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

Dale W. Meyerrose, of Indiana, to be Chief Information Officer, Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

Donald A. Gambatesa, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, United States Agency for International Development.

John O. Agwunobi, of Florida, to be Medical Director in the Regular Corps of the Public Health Service, subject to the qualifications therefore as provided by law and regulations.

J. Thomas Rosch, of California, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner for the term of seven years from September 26, 2005.

David Steele Bohigian, of Missouri, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

Antonio Fratto, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

George W. Foresman, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Preparedness, Department of Homeland Security.

Marilyn Ware, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to Finland.

David M. Spooner, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

Richard T. Crowder, of Virginia, to be Chief Agricultural Negotiator, Office of the United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador.

1 Coast Guard nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Coast Guard. (Prior to this action, Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration.)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 4 p.m., and adjourned at 7:55 p.m., until 6 p.m., on Sunday, December 18, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S13968–69.)

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 17 public bills, H.R. 4618–4634; and 4 resolutions, H.J. Res. 75; H. Con. Res. 325; and H. Res. 633–634 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3505, to provide regulatory relief and improve productivity for insured depository institutions, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–356);

H. Res. 631, providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules (H. Rept. 109–357);

H. Res. 632, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 109–358); and

H.R. 3505, to provide regulatory relief and improve productivity for insured depository institutions, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–356, Pt. 1).

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Rule for consideration of suspensions: The House agreed to H. Res. 623, providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules, by a yea and nay vote of 213 yeas to 190 nays, Roll No. 663, after agreeing to the Session amendment by voice vote and the previous question.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

To improve proficiency testing of clinical laboratories: H.R. 4568, to improve proficiency testing of clinical laboratories;

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Stem Cell Therapeutic and Research Act of 2005: H.R. 2520, with a Senate amendment, to provide for the collection and maintenance of human cord blood stem cells for the treatment of patients and research, and to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the C.W. Bill Young Cell Transplantation Program, by a yea-and-nay vote of 413 yeas none voting “nay”, Roll No. 664—clearing the measure for the President;

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State High Risk Pool Funding Extension Act of 2005: H.R. 4519, to amend the Public Health Service Act to extend funding for the operation of State high risk health insurance pools;

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Department of Justice Appropriations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 2006 through 2009: H.R. 3402, with a Senate amendment, to authorize appropriations for the Department of Justice for fiscal years 2006 through 2009—clearing the measure for the President;

Pages H12075–H12125

To amend title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend by one year provisions requiring parity in the application of certain limits to mental health benefits: H.R. 4579, to amend title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend by one year provisions requiring parity in the application of certain limits to mental health benefits;

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